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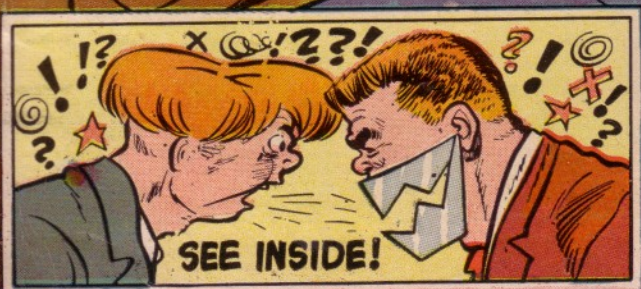
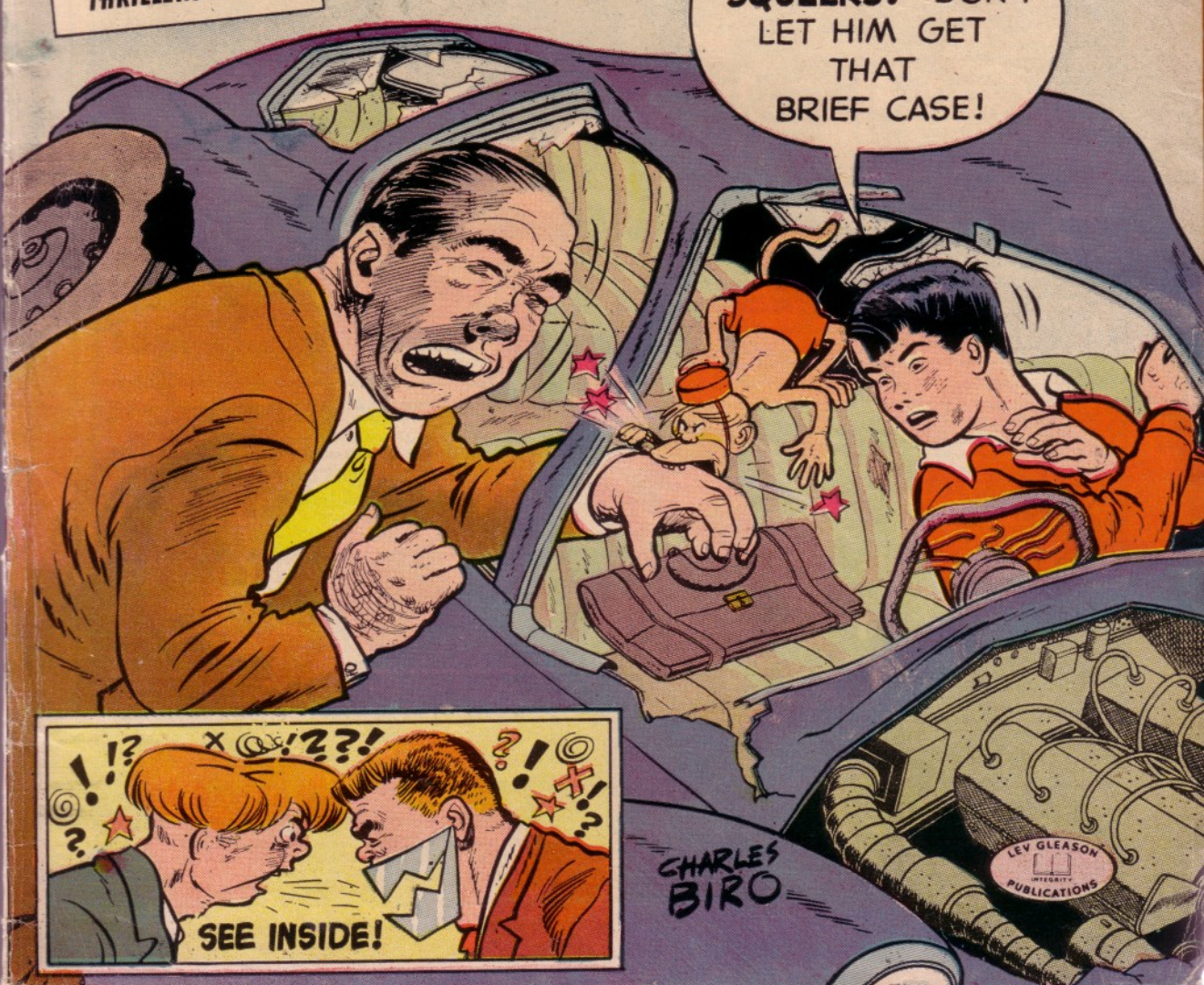
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PINNED IN, EH, CRIMEBUSTER? GOOD! I WON'T BE HAVING ANY TROUBLE FROM YOU, THEN! COMERE, YOU BLASTED MONKEY—GIVE ME THAT BRIEFCASE!

STORY BY
CHARLES
BIRO

EEEEEE!
SCREEECH!
CHEEEEE!

I CAN'T MOVE!
DON'T LET HIM GET
IT, SQUEEKS!
UGHHH!

SHAKESPEARE'S PHRASE, "THE EVIL THAT MEN DO LIVES AFTER THEM" NEVER HELD MORE TRUTH THAN IN THIS CASE! THIS IS THE DRAMATIC STORY OF HOW A TERRIBLE DEED COMMITTED HUNDREDS OF YEARS

AGO WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT! STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN UNDER EVEN STRANGER CIRCUMSTANCES! JUSTICE NEVER TOOK A LONGER HOLIDAY!

Charles Biro

CRIMEBUSTER! YOU OLD SON OF A GUN! I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN ME—CHASING AFTER ALL THOSE CROOKS!

I NEVER FORGET A REAL FRIEND, PAUL! HOW'S THE FAMOUS ARCHITECT? IT SURE MUST BE GREAT, ERECTING ALL THESE BUILDINGS!

I'D TRADE JOBS WITH YOU ANY DAY! THIS IS DULL WORK!

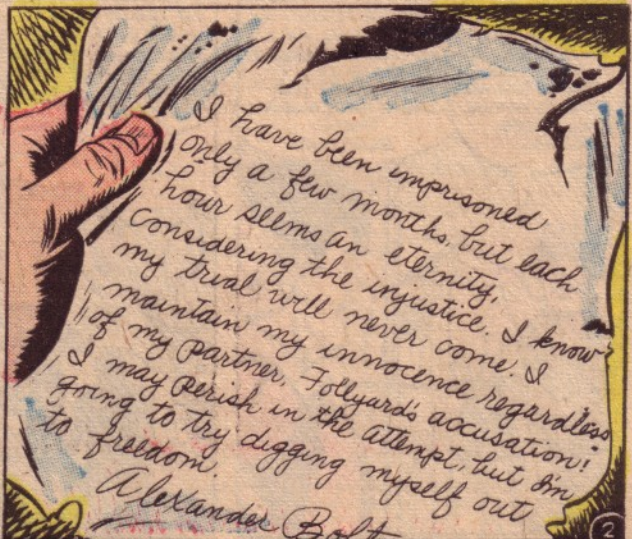
IF I HAD THE TRAINING I'D BE GLAD TO SWAP WITH YOU!

WE'VE PLANTED THAT CHARGE, MR. KNIGHT! WE'RE READY TO BLAST WHEN YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL!

WE'VE HIT HARD ROCK DOWN THERE THAT'D TAKE US DAYS TO CHIP AWAY! GET ALL THE MEN TO SAFETY, KELLY!

COME WITH ME, CRIME-BUSTER!





GOLLY! I WONDER HOW LONG HE'S BEEN HERE! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

I'M NOT SURE! CERTAIN CONDITIONS COULD HAVE PRESERVED WHAT'S LEFT OF HIM! THE IMPRISONMENT ANGLE INTRIGUES ME! WHAT KIND OF BUILDING OCCUPIED THIS SITE BEFORE?

WHY SOME OLD MANSION! OUR INFORMATION SAYS IT WAS BUILT IN 1868! BUT BEFORE THAT...I DON'T KNOW! YOU MIGHT FIND OUT AT THE CIVIC RECORDS OFFICE!

YES... HERE IT IS! THE BUILDING WAS THE TOWN HOUSE RESIDENCE OF THE SCHUYLER FAMILY... ERECTED IN 1868!

WE KNOW THAT! WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHETHER SOME OTHER BUILDING OCCUPIED THAT SAME LOT BEFORE THAT!

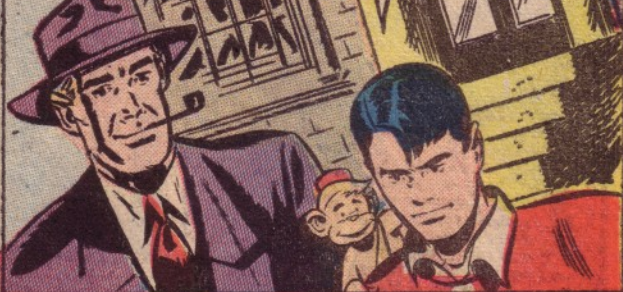


IT'S NEVER BEEN NECESSARY TO DELVE THAT FAR BACK BEFORE! HERE WE ARE! IT'S A WONDER WE'VE STILL GOT IT! IN 1867, THE OLD CORTLAND THIEVES' PRISON WAS TORN DOWN! LET'S SEE...ERECTED IN 1722!

THAT ADDS UP! BOLT WAS IMPRISONED SOME TIME BETWEEN 1722 AND 1867!

THIS SURE IS EXCITING, C.B.! WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO DISCOVER JUST WHEN BOLT WAS IMPRISONED... AND FOR WHAT!

HIS PARTNER'S NAME WAS FOLLYARD, EH? AND REMEMBER - HIS LETTER MENTIONED KNOWING HIS TRIAL WOULD NEVER COME!



PAUL! THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR JUST AND SPEEDY TRIALS! BOLT'S LENGTHY IMPRISONMENT BEFORE THE TRIAL WOULD INDICATE THAT HE WAS JAILED BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR!

WHY, THIS IS AMAZING, C.B.! I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ALEXANDER BOLT, BUT THE NAME FOLLYARD SEEMS TO STRIKE A FAMILIAR CHORD!

I FEEL THE SAME WAY! I WONDER WHERE I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE?

I THINK FURTHER INVESTIGATION WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME! WHY, IT'S AT LEAST EIGHT OR NINE GENERATIONS AGO, AND LEGAL RECORDS WOULD BE TOO OBSCURE!

I'VE GOT A HUNCH, LOOVER, THAT I'M ON THE BRINK OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT! I'LL STICK WITH IT, IF YOU DON'T MIND!

SURE, BUT HOW CAN THAT HELP TO DATE HIS CASE?

OFFICE of the DISTRICT ATTORNEY





"ON THE DATE OF THE SUPPOSED THEFT... AS BOLT WORKED OVER THE COMPANY LEDGER, FOLLYARD LEFT ON A BUSINESS TRIP..."

I SHOULD RETURN BY THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, ALEX! YOU'LL ATTEND TO EVERYTHING, WON'T YOU? AND SEE THAT YOU LOCK THE SAFE!

I WILL, CALEB... AFTER I'VE FINISHED WITH THESE ENTRIES!



"HIS DAY'S WORK DONE, BOLT WENT HOME... BUT UPON OPENING THE OFFICE THE NEXT MORNING..."

GOOD HEAVENS! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED! B..BUT HOW? I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER LOCKING THE SAFE LAST NIGHT! CALEB AND I HAVE THE ONLY TWO KEYS AND HE'S AWAY...AND THE SAFE HASN'T BEEN FORCED OPEN!



"CONFRONTED WITH THE NEWS UPON HIS RETURN, FOLLYARD INSTANTLY ACCUSED BOLT!"

NO, CALEB.. I DIDN'T! WHY SHOULD I?

BECAUSE OF YOUR DEBTS, YOU BLACKGUARD! YOU ADMIT A KEY OPENED THE SAFE! BEING AWAY, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! YOU WERE QUITE FOOLISH TO TRY SUCH A THING!



HMM...IT SAYS THE EDITOR SUSPECTED FOLLYARD HAD DOUBLED BACK AFTER BOLT LEFT, AND STOLE THE MONEY HIMSELF! IN ORDER TO PROVE IT, HE DECIDED TO TIME FOLLYARD'S TRIP AND INTERVIEW THE MAN FOLLYARD WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE VISITED!



THE MAN INSISTED FOLLYARD ARRIVED MUCH LATER THAN EXPECTED! BUT BEFORE HE COULD BE PRESENTED AS A DEFENSE WITNESS, HE WAS FOUND MURDERED! THE TRIAL WAS DELAYED AND BOLT JUST DISAPPEARED FROM HIS CELL ONE DAY!



FOLLYARD...FOLLYARD! WISH I KNEW WHERE I'VE HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE!



THEY OWNED A SMALL CANDLE WORKS ACROSS THE RIVER!

WHY, OF COURSE! IN THOSE DAYS, CANDLE AND SOAP MAKING WENT HAND IN HAND! YOU KNOW FOLLYARD'S SOAPS...A SOAP FOR EVERY NEED=BATH, CLOTHES, DISHES, AND WHATNOT!



THAT'S IT! I KNEW I'D HEARD THE NAME BEFORE! WHY, THAT'S A MILLION-DOLLAR OUTFIT, AND SINCE ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO BOLT'S INNOCENCE, HIS DESCENDANTS WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PART OWNERSHIP, WOULDN'T THEY?

WHOA! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY DESCENDENTS!



THE VOTING RECORDS SHOULD SHOW UP SOME BOLT FAMILIES! THE RIGHT ONES WOULD NATURALLY HAVE TO PROVE ALEXANDER BOLT WAS THEIR ANCESTOR!



NO...NOT US! OUR FOLKS FIRST CAME TO THE STATES IN THE 1890'S!

SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU!

YEP, MY NAME'S BOLT, ALL RIGHT, BUT ALL MY FOREBEARS ARE FROM THE SOUTH! UH... WHAT'RE YUH LOOKIN' UP THESE FOLKS FOR?

A PRIVATE MATTER - THANKS, ANYWAY!



MAYBE THE ORIGINAL BOLTS MOVED OUT OF THE STATE! I'VE GOT TO CHECK FURTHER!

AT LAST THE NEW JERSEY VOTING RECORDS REVEALED A CANDLEMAKER NAMED BOLT...

HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN IN THE CANDLE BUSINESS? I CAN'T RIGHTLY SAY! IT'S BEEN HANDED DOWN IN OUR FAMILY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION!

DO YOU KNOW WHETHER YOU MIGHT BE DESCENDED FROM AN ALEXANDER BOLT WHO LIVED BACK IN THE 1730'S?



YES, WE WERE! MY GRANDPA USED TO TELL US ABOUT IT! IN 1736 THEY MOVED OUT TO JERSEY! ALEX BOLT STOLE MONEY...SO THE STORY GOES...

HE DIDN'T! HE WAS INNOCENT! SIT DOWN AND LISTEN!

LATER... YOU MEAN TO SAY WE MIGHT BE ENTITLED TO A HALF INTEREST IN THE FOLLYARD COMPANY? WHY, WE'D BE MILLIONAIRES OVERNIGHT!

IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT FIRST YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO ALEXANDER BOLT MUST BE PROVEN!

HMM...WE MIGHT COME UP WITH SOMETHING IN ONE OF THOSE OLD TRUNKS IN THE ATTIC! GRAMPS USED TO TELL US ABOUT A SECRET, LONG-BURNING CANDLE ALEX BOLT WAS PERFECTING!

MAYBE THAT WAS CALEB FOLLYARD'S REASON FOR FRAMING HIM! TRY TO FIND SOME CONNECTION IN WRITING!





AH, COME IN, MR. FOLLYARD! I KNOW YOU'RE A BUSY MAN SO WE WON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME!

THANK YOU, MISTER LOOVER! THIS IS MY YOUNGER SON, RONALD! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



FIRST, TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PHOTOSTATS OF A NEWSPAPER OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD! IT INVOLVES AN ANCESTOR OF YOURS!

PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN!



...AND SINCE THE LAW WASN'T AS EFFICIENT IN THOSE DAYS AS NOW, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT CALEB BRIBED OFFICIALS INTO MAKING HIS INNOCENT PARTNER APPEAR GUILTY!

WHY IT'S UNCANNY!

UNCANNY, MY FOOT! IT'S PREPOSTEROUS! THIS BOLT FAMILY YOU FOUND, ARE FORTUNE HUNTERS!



I'M AFRAID NOT! THEY DIDN'T KNOW A THING TILL I TOLD THEM! WITH THE PROOF WE ALREADY HAVE, THEY NEED ONLY TO PROVE THEIR ANCESTRY TO ENTITLE THEM TO A HALF INTEREST IN "FOLLYARD SOAP"!



OVER MY DEAD BODY!

QUIET, RONALD! FORGIVE MY SON'S OUTBURST, MR. LOOVER! IF THINGS WORK OUT AS YOU THINK, I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO COOPERATE! MORE THAN HALF MY INCOME GOES TO CHARITIES AND TAXES ANYWAY! GOOD-BY!

THANK YOU, SIR! GOOD-BY!



DAD! YOU DIDN'T MEAN THAT! YOU COULDN'T... YOU...

SHUT UP, YOU SNIVELING PUPPY! WHAT KIND OF A SON ARE YOU, ANYWAY? YOU'RE SPOILED AND PAMPERED... NOT AT ALL LIKE YOUR BROTHER, HENRY!



DAD EMBARRASSED ME SOMETHING AWFUL... EVEN APOLOGIZED FOR ME! HENRY, WHAT'LL WE DO?

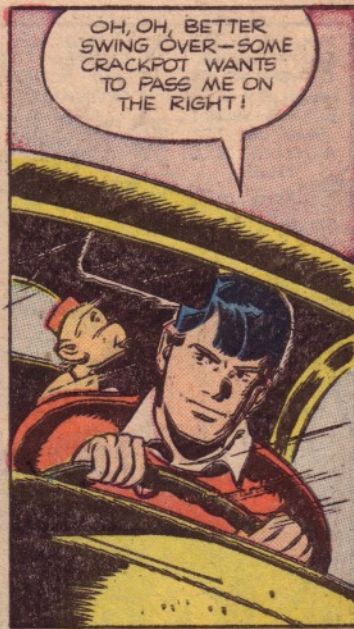
OH, GROW UP! DAD'S RIGHT! IF THEY'RE REALLY DESCENDED FROM ALEXANDER BOLT, THEY'RE ENTITLED TO IT! DO YOU WANT THE WORLD?



BUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

WOW! WHAT HIT YOUR OFFICE, LOOVER?

I THINK I KNOW, BUT THOSE BOLT PAPERS ARE STILL SAFE, C. B.!



COME DOWN FROM THERE, YOU BLASTED APE! DRAT IT... CAN'T SHAKE HIM LOOSE! ??? POLICE SIRENS!?

CRIME-BUSTER! EASY, NOW... BETTER NOT MOVE TILL WE CAN GET AN AMBULANCE!

NO BONES BROKEN! I'M JUST PINNED IN! THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL ME MAY BE AFTER SOME OTHER PEOPLE! GET ME OUT OF HERE!

CRIMEBUSTER! SOMEONE TRIED TO KILL US! I SAW HIM DRIVE AWAY AFTER HE SET THE FIRE! WE FOUND THE PROOF YOU WANTED! I SAVED IT FROM THE FIRE! BUT LOOK AT OUR HOME!

YOU'RE ALL SAFE - THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! WE'RE MEETING FOLLYARD RIGHT AWAY!

WELL, LOOVER, YOU SAY THE BOLTS HAVE FOUND ABSOLUTE PROOF... LETS SEE IT!

SQUEEKS! STOP THAT RACKET! SIT DOWN, AND BE QUIET! OR I'LL HAVE TO PUT YOU OUT!

RIGHT HERE, MR. FOLLYARD! I'VE CHECKED THEIR DOCUMENTS MYSELF... DIARIES, FAMILY RECORDS AND SO FORTH... ALL LEGITIMATE!

I WARNED YOU, SQUEEKS! NOW OUT YOU GO!

SQUEEKS IS KICKING UP A RACKET! WILL YOU KEEP HIM OUTSIDE, PLEASE?

...GLAD TO!

NOW... EASY DOES IT, SQUEEKS!

HOW IS YOUR CASE COMING, CRIME-BUSTER?

JUST LISTEN, PAUL!

ALL RIGHT, LOOVER! THESE ARE ALL THE PROOF I'LL NEED! BUT WHAT'S ALL THIS RUBBISH ABOUT ATTEMPTED MURDER?

SOMEBODY FORCED CRIMEBUSTER OFF THE ROAD LAST NIGHT... ALMOST KILLED HIM! ALL HE HAD WAS THE PAPERS I SHOWED YOU! LATER, THE BOLTS WERE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOME BY AN ARSONIST'S FIRE!

RONALD! WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS?

NOTHING, DAD! I SWEAR IT!

MEANWHILE, IN THE NEXT ROOM...

SHAME ON YOU, ACTING UP LIKE THAT! HEY—COME BACK HERE, YOU LITTLE...

SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!



ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU WANT TO GET KILLED? COME BACK HERE, SQUEEKS?

SQUEEKS!
YOU LITTLE MONSTER!
HOLD ON, I'LL OPEN THE WINDOW!



I...I'M SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, FOLKS! HE JUST LEAPED OUT OF MY GRASP, CRIMEBUSTER!

I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE HIM NOW! HE SEEMS PRETTY MAD!



DON'T WORRY—HE WON'T GET AWAY THIS...AGGH...MY WRIST!

SQUEEKS!
HEY—HOLD IT!
I...I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!



SQUEEKS BIT THE MAN WHO TRIED TO STEAL THOSE PAPERS FROM ME LAST NIGHT! THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN ACTING UP! HE KNOWS WHO IT IS...AND THAT PERSON IS IN THIS ROOM! YOU—WHY ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR WRIST?

WHY, I... I... THAT IS...



I'LL TELL YOU WHY! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FORCED ME OFF THE ROAD! LOOK—THIS IS WHERE SQUEEKS BIT HIM!

RONALD! YOU DISGRACEFUL CUR! FROM THIS MOMENT ON, I DISOWN YOU!



COME ALONG, YOU! THERE'S ALSO A LITTLE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER!

MISTER BOLT, YOUR FORE-FATHER HAD BEEN DONE A GREAT INJUSTICE, BUT THAT'S RECTIFIED NOW! WELCOME TO THE FIRM OF FOLLYARD AND BOLT...PARTNER!

WHY, THANKS, MR. FOLLYARD!



I'LL NEVER AGAIN THINK OF MY WORK AS RUN-OF-THE-MILL, C.B.! HEY—WE'RE DOING SOME MORE BLASTING TODAY! CARE TO COME ALONG?

THANKS, PAUL, BUT I THINK SQUEEKS AND I HAVE HAD ABOUT ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR A WHILE!



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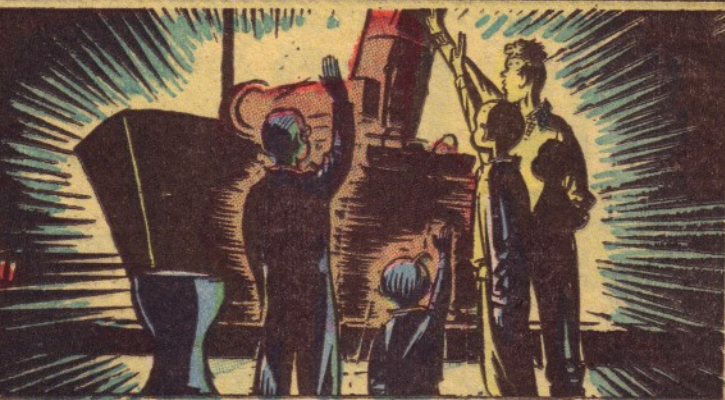


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The LITTLE WISE GUYS in the "SMUGGLERS"



Night moved in on the fog-blanketed harbor as the four little wise guys -- Slugger, Jock, Curly and Scarecrow -- walked along shadowy Dock Street, carrying fishing poles. They could see the lights of the distant ferryboats, carrying late commuters to the island across the Bay. Nearby powerful tugs towed a great liner toward shore, their foghorns sounding harsh and brazen. Beyond, on a point of land that stretched like a finger into the Bay, they could see the lighthouse, its revolving beacon stabbing into the darkness and the fog.

"It's not the best night for a fishing trip," said Slugger. "Let's make our catch fast and go home!"

"That's fine with me," said Scarecrow. "But where are we going to do our fishing, and what are we going to catch?"

"A couple of guys I know caught a batch of Stripers down by the lighthouse," said Curly. "Why don't we try there?" Stripers are delicious!"

"Okay by me," replied Jock. "What about the rest of you?"

"Agreed," said Slugger and Scarecrow.

Shortly afterwards, they made their way along the tiny finger of land.

"I don't see how we can catch fish here," said Slugger. "Those rocks look awfully slippery to me! It'd be just like me to fall in!"

"We've got to move farther down," replied Curly. "Down by the lighthouse! There aren't many rocks there, and that's where we can find the stripers."

"It's very lonely out here," said Scarecrow. "Especially tonight. Brr-r-r! Listen to those foghorns! They're eerie!"

Jock laughed. "Well, it's better than fishing off a crowded dock! Ah -- here we are! This looks like a good spot!"

"Bet I'll be the first," said Scarecrow. "Bet I bring in the first one."

"If I was a betting man," said Slugger, "I'd cover you! In fact -- Jook! I've already got a catch!"

The others looked at Slugger's line, and sure enough, he was tugging hard at something that had caught on.

"Stripers usually aren't that tough to pull in, said Curly. "You must have a shark or something!"

Finally, Slugger got his line ashore, but instead of having a fish on his hook, he had a bottle -- a bottle that had a string attached to it, and at one end of the string was a weight, the size of a baseball.

The others laughed heartily as Slugger stared in dismay.

"How do you like that?" Slugger snorted. "A bottle!"

He untangled the bottle from his line, and held it out by the string that was attached to it. "Somebody purposely planted that bottle out there," said Slugger. "And it had a weight attached to keep it anchored in a certain spot."

"What's in it?" asked Scarecrow, as the others moved forward, staring curiously at the bottle.

"I don't know -- but I'm going to find out," replied Slugger.

With that, he unscrewed the top from the bottle, and shook several small sparkling objects into his hand.

"Glass!" exclaimed Slugger.

"Let me get a closer look at the stuff," said Jock.

Jock examined them as the others looked on, and then he said in a voice filled with awe: "Fellows! These are diamonds!"

"Diamonds!" exclaimed the others, in unison. "Yes, -- diamonds!"

But before they could further consider their unusual catch, the putt-putt of a power launch was heard approaching. Then, a beacon of light stabbed at them as they stood there, staring.

Suddenly, a voice on the boat called out: "All right, you kids! Stay where you are! If you make a move, we'll shoot!"

"Crooks," whispered Slugger! "What'll we do?"

"Just stand still," said Scarecrow. "What else? We don't have a chance with that light on us, and them with guns!"

Then the light suddenly went out, and the crooks jumped from the boat and began pulling it into shore.

"They've got the bottle," a voice said. "I saw it! We're lucky we got here when we did!"

"Come on!" said Scarecrow, suddenly breaking into a run. "This is our chance! They'll have a tough time finding us in this fog!"

And with that, the Wise Guys sped off in the direction of the lighthouse, as they heard angry voices behind them.

"They're making a run for it," cried one of the crooks. "After 'em!"

"Shoot!" cried another.

"No!" came a quick reply. "We don't have to shoot. We've got them trapped out here, cut off from the mainland. Besides, someone might hear our shots."

Upon reaching the base of the lighthouse, where they stood by a big iron door, the Wise Guys paused and listened.

"Running footsteps," said Curly. "They're coming."

"We're trapped," said Slugger, "unless we can figure out something to do. Come on -- into the lighthouse!"

The big door swung open, creaking on its hinges, and the Wise Guys filed in.

"I've got an idea how we can get help," said Slugger. "Hurry -- up the stairs!"

Below, they didn't see the lighthouse keeper emerge from a room, just as the crooks entered the door. He started to protest their sudden entrance when he was felled by a gun butt that struck his head.

"Okay -- up the stairs after 'em," said one of the crooks. "Those kids ain't got a chance now! They're cornered!"

But at the top the Wise Guys already had put their surprising plan to work, and now they waited --hoping.

Suddenly, other voices were heard below, followed by gunfire.

"All right, men! There they are -- the crooks! Take 'em!"

"No! Don't shoot," cried one of the crooks. "We surrender!"

The Wise Guys then cautiously descended the stairs, to see several coast guardsmen with their guns trained on the crooks, who held their hands in the air.

Then Slugger handed one of the coast guardsmen the bottle and the diamonds, and related briefly what had occurred.

"We've been after these smugglers," said the coast guardman. "Now I understand how they worked their trick. They'd place gems in a bottle and throw it overboard from the liner. The weight kept the bottle anchored to one spot, and then they'd retrieve it later on."

"But you kids outsmarted them," said another coast guardman, "when you went up to the light and flashed Morse code signals out across the bay, using the lighthouse beacon! We saw the signals and came at once!"

"By the way," he continued, "how did you happen to find the bottle with the gems in it?"

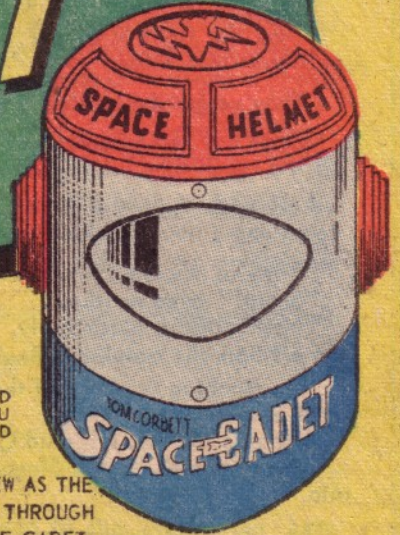
Slugger grinned sheepishly, then said: "We were fishing, but I guess we didn't catch much."

"You caught plenty," replied the coast guardman, gesturing toward the crooks. "I'd say you had excellent fisherman's luck tonight."

And the Wise Guys, upon second thought had to agree.

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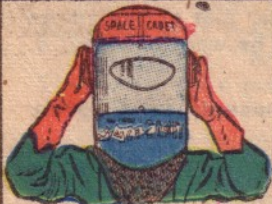
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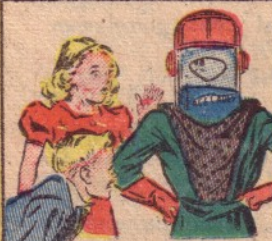
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OF REFORMING! MAYBE HE WILL, WHETHER HE WANTS TO OR NOT, WITH THE HELP OF A BIT OF SNIFFER'S SALESMANSHIP!

Charles Birio



THE DEADLY DOZEN AGAIN! YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE COMMUNITY! INSTEAD OF BRAWLING IN BARS, WHY DON'T YOU FORM A CLUB FOR SOME WORTH-WHILE PURPOSE? IT'S TIME YOU SETTLED DOWN TO BEING WORTH-WHILE CITIZENS! WHERE'S YOUR LEADER, SNIFFER?



HERE I AM, JUDGE! YA KNOW, I THINK YA HAVE SOMETHIN', JUDGE!, MAYBE A GOOD CLUB WOULD BE GOOD FOR US! I'D LIKE TA GIVE IT A TRY!



THAT'S THE SPIRIT! IF YOU PROMISE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON IT, I'LL GIVE YOU A SUSPENDED SENTENCE, BUT DON'T LET ME SEE YOU IN HERE AGAIN, OR I'LL THROW THE BOOK AT YOU!

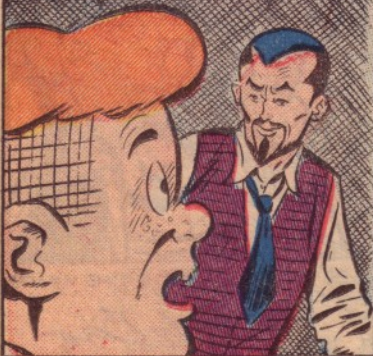
DAT MALARKY YOU HANDED THE JUDGE ABOUT US REFORMIN' SURE WORKED, SNIFFER!

WHADDA YA MEAN, MALARKY? I MEANT IT! WE'RE GONNA FORM A CLUB, JUST LIKE I SAID!



LESSEE...HOW ABOUT CALLIN' IT DA STRAIGHT AND NARROW CLUB, AN' MAKE EVERY MEMBER TAKE AN OATH TO BE HONEST?

SEEMIN' AS TO HOW YOU MADE UP OUR MINDS, WE'LL GIVE IT A WHIRL!



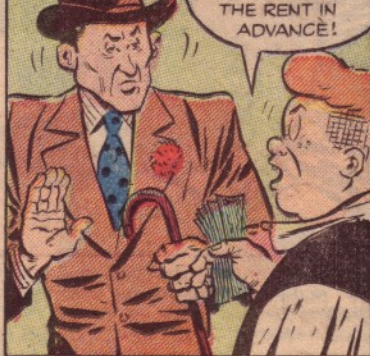
WE'LL RENT MOPEY MURDOCK'S HALL! MAYBE WE CAN EVEN REFORM MURDOCK AND GET HIM FOR A MEMBER!

FAT CHANCE! HE'S THE WORST CROOK IN TOWN!



ARE YA KIDDIN', SNIFFER? YA WANNA RENT MY HALL FOR A CLUB CALLED THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW? YOU MUST BE GETTIN' BALMY! THE ANSWER IS NO! NONE OF DIS REFORM STUFF FOR ME, THANK YOU!

DON'T BE SO HASTY, MOPEY! I'LL PAY YOU THE RENT IN ADVANCE!



OKAY—IT'LL COST YA A HUNDRED BUCKS, BUT IT'S STILL AGAINST MY PRINCIPLES!

HERE YA ARE... AN BEFORE YA START PANNIN' OUR CLUB, LEMME TELL YA, IT'S AN HONOR TO BELONG, AN' HARD TO GET IN!



WITH A MEMBERSHIP YA GET A CARD SAYIN' THAT YER ON TH' LEVEL! THEN, IF ANY COP PICKS YA UP, ALL YA HAFTA DO IS SHOW HIM YER CARD! IT'S KINDA LIKE DA GOVERNMENT INSPECTED BEEF STAMP OF APPROVAL!

HMM...DAT IS AN INTERESTIN' TWIST! MAYBE ME AN' MY BOYS WILL JOIN!



YA MEAN WE SHOULD JOIN DIS CLUB AN' GO STRAIGHT? YER GETTIN' DOPEY, MOPEY!

WHO SAID YA HAD DA GO STRAIGHT? JOIN ANYHOW, SO YA CAN GET ONE OF DA MEMBERSHIP CARDS! IT'LL LET YA WALK OFF SCOT FREE FROM A JOB!





LOOKIT DA MEMBERS I RECRUITED FOR YA, SNIFFER!

TERRIFIC! AT DIS RATE THEIR WON'T BE NO CROOKS LEFT IN TOWN, AN' DA COPS WILL BE OUTTA WORK!



BEFORE WE ELECT OFFICERS FER DA CLUB, EVERYBODY'S GOTTA TAKE THE FOLLOWING OATH AN' SIGN IT:

"I SWEAR NO MORE TO SWIPE NOTHIN' FROM NOBODY, AN' IF I CATCH ANY FELLOW MEMBER STEALIN', I PROMISE TA HAND HIM OVER TO DA COPS FER FAILIN' TA UPHOLD DA REPUTATION OF DA STRAIGHT AN' NARROW CLUB!"



...TO UPHOLD DA REPUTASHUN OF DA STRAIGHT AND NARROW CLUB! AM I A MEMBER NOW?

ALMOST...OKAY—NOW SIGN YER MEMBERSHIP CARD RIGHT LUNDA DA PLEDGE AN' PAY YER BUCK DUES... NEXT...



IRON JAW! WHAT'S DA BIG IDEA OF SPYIN' ON OUR MEETIN'?

I'VE BEEN WATCHIN' PRACTICALLY EVERY CROOK IN TOWN GO IN THERE, AND I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT SNIFFER'S PULLING OFF — AND YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME!



LEGGO OF ME, YA BIG LUG! HOW CAN I TELL YA WHAT'S GO-IN' ON INSIDE, WHEN I AIN'T BEEN INSIDE, YET? ALL I KNOW IS, IT'S A CLUB SNIFFER DREAMED UP!

OH, YEAH? WELL, YOU GO IN AND FIND OUT MORE AND REPORT BACK TO ME, OR I'LL PULL YOU APART THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU!



MOPEY, AS A MEMBER OF THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW, CANTCHA LOWER YOUR PRICE ON THE HALL? OUR DUES ONLY COME TO SEVENTY BUCKS! THAT MEANS I'M THIRTY BUCKS IN THE HOLE!

SORRY, SNIFFER, YOU MADE ME TAKE DA PLEDGE TO GO STRAIGHT, SO NOW I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE GENEROUS! I GOTTA MAKE AN HONEST LIVIN'!



BUT A HUNDRED BUCKS IS HIGH-WAY ROBBERY! IT WOULD BE CHEAPER IF WE BOUGHT IT! HOW MUCH TO TAKE IT OVER?

YOU CAN OWN IT FOR FIVE GRAND AND NOT A NICKEL LESS!



FIVE GRAND? WHERE WILL WE GET DAT KIND OF CABBAGE!

PSST, SNIFFER! IRON JAW IS OUTSIDE! I HAD A HECK OF A TIME TELLIN' HIM HE WASN'T WANTED! HE'S CONVINCED DA CLUB IS REALLY A FRONT FOR SOME OTHER RACKET!



DAT'S TERRIFIC! OUR PROBLEMS IS SOLVED! IRON JAW WILL PAY FOR DA HALL! GIANT KILLER, YOU GO OUTSIDE AND TELL HIM DIS... BZZZZ BZZZ!



OKAY, IRON JAW! I GOT DA LOWDOWN FOR YA! SNIFFER'S FORMIN' A CRIME SYNDICATE WHICH GETS TEN PER CENT OF THE TAKE ON EVERY JOB!

WHAT! AND HE HAS JUST ABOUT EVERY CROOK IN TOWN SEWED UP! HE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT FIRST!



BE A SPORT, MOPEY, AND LEND ME YOUR HOMBERG AND CANE SO I CAN IMPRESS IRON JAW! YOU GO AN' GIT DAT DEED TO TH' HALL READY!



WELL, WELL, WELL! IF IT AIN'T MY OLD CHUM, SAW-TOOTH! WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU HERE!

LOOK, SNIFFER, SKIP THE FAMILY TALK! I WANT TO TALK BUSINESS! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO IN THERE AND I WANT TO BE IN ON IT!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN? TWO IS PEANUTS! MAKE IT FIVE!

I WANT A CUT! I'LL GIVE YOU TWO GRAND FOR HALF INTEREST!



IT'S A DEAL! HERE IS YOUR FIVE GRAND!

HOLD ON! WE GOTTA DO THIS LEGAL! COME ALONG INSIDE SO DA REST OF DA OUTFIT CAN BE WITNESSES TO DIS TRANSACTION! I DON'T WANT 'EM SAYING I CUT YOU IN BEHIND THEIR BACKS!



FRIENDS, I WISH TO ANNOUNCE DAT IRON JAW IS SO EAGER TO TAKE PART IN OUR NEW ORGANIZATION, HE IS PAYING FIVE GRAND FOR DA PRIVILEGE OF SHARIN' HALF OF ANYTHING I GET OUTTA DIS CLUB! WILL YOU ALL BE WITNESSES TO DIS TRANSACTION?

SURE!

SURE!

OKAY!



MOPEY, HERE'S DA FIVE GRAND FOR YER HALL! HAND OVER DA DEED!

A PLEASURE, AND MAY I PLEASE HAVE BACK MY CANE AN' HOMBERG?

SURE!



AN' NOW DAT DE FORMALITY IS OVER, LET'S GET DOWN TO DA BUSINESS OF NOMINATIN' GUYS FER PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND SECRETARY! WE'LL NOMINATE TONIGHT AND VOTE TOMORRER!



I MOVE WE HAVE TWO TREASURERS! ONE TO WATCH DA OTHER! WE CAN'T TAKE NO RISKS!

A GOOD IDEA! NOW LET'S HEAR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT... SATAN WILL WRITE DOWN DA NAMES!

I NOMINATE SNIFFER!



I NOMINATE SNIFFER!

SECOND THE MOTION!

I NOMINATE MOPEY MURDOCK!

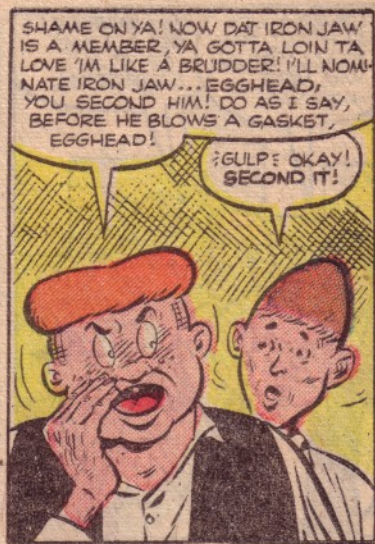
WHAT ABOUT ME? I NOMINATE MYSELF, IRON JAW!



IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO NOMINATE YOURSELF! YA GOTTA GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO NOMINATE YOU... WILL ANYONE PLEASE NOMINATE IRON JAW?

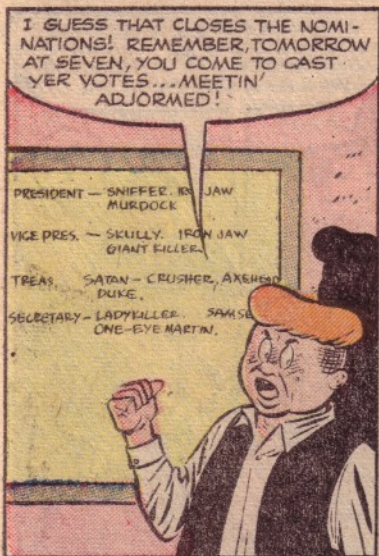
HA HA HA HA HA HA

HISS BOO BOO BOO



SHAME ON YA! NOW DAT IRON JAW IS A MEMBER, YA GOTTA LOIN TA LOVE 'IM LIKE A BRUDDER! I'LL NOMINATE IRON JAW... EGGHEAD, YOU SECOND HIM! DO AS I SAY, BEFORE HE BLOWS A GASKET, EGGHEAD!

?GULP! OKAY! SECOND IT!



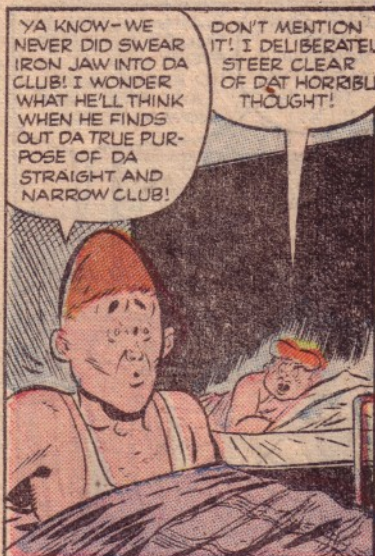
I GUESS THAT CLOSES THE NOMINATIONS! REMEMBER, TOMORROW AT SEVEN, YOU COME TO CAST YER VOTES... MEETIN' ADJORNED!

PRESIDENT - SNIFFER, IRON JAW MURDOCK
VICE PRES. - SKULLY, IRON JAW GIANT FILLER
TREAS. - SATAN - CRUSHER, AXEHEN DUKE
SECRETARY - LADYKILLER, SAMSON ONE-EYE MARTIN



WE BETTER GO AROUND AND DO A LITTLE ELECTION EERING FOR YOU, SNIFFER! WE WOULDN'T WANT IRON JAW TO GET TO BE PRESIDENT!

YEAH, MAYBE THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA!



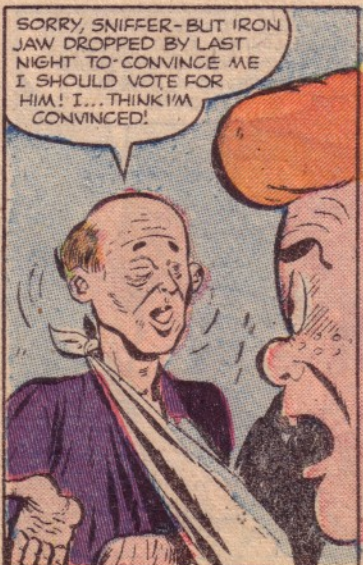
YA KNOW - WE NEVER DID SWEAR IRON JAW INTO DA CLUB! I WONDER WHAT HE'LL THINK WHEN HE FINDS OUT DA TRUE PURPOSE OF DA STRAIGHT AND NARROW CLUB!

DON'T MENTION IT! I DELIBERATELY STEER CLEAR OF DAT HORRIBLE THOUGHT!

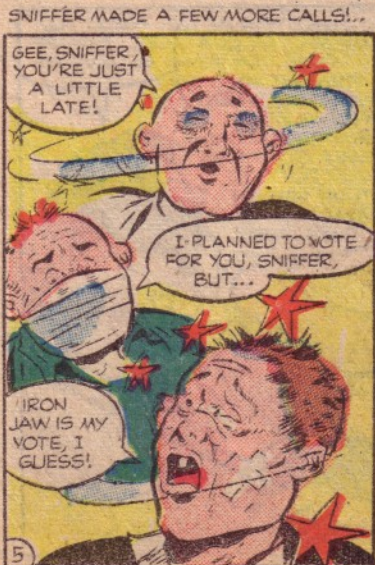


HIYA, LITTLE MAN! IS SLIPPERY GEORGE, YOUR OLD MAN AROUND? I WANT TO ASK HIM PERSONALLY TO VOTE FER ME!

HEY, POP! SOMEBODY WANTS TA ASK YA TA VOTE FER HIM AGAIN!



SORRY, SNIFFER - BUT IRON JAW DROPPED BY LAST NIGHT TO CONVINCE ME I SHOULD VOTE FOR HIM! I... THINK I'M CONVINCED!



SNIFFER MADE A FEW MORE CALLS!..

GEE, SNIFFER YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE LATE!

I PLANNED TO VOTE FOR YOU, SNIFFER, BUT...

IRON JAW IS MY VOTE, I GUESS!



NEVER MIND, SNIFFER! THE DEADLY DOZEN WILL VOTE FOR YA!

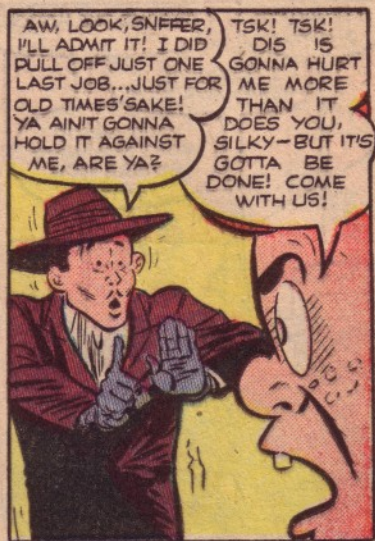
HEY, SNIFFER! GET A LOAD OF SILKY SALINDERS!



HE MUST'VE STRUCK IT RICH, BUT HE NEVER DID IT HONEST! I'LL BETCHA HE PULLED OFF SOME FAST JOB!

BUT HE'S A MEMBER OF OUR STRAIGHT AN' NARROW CLUB!

HEY! SILKY! C'MERE! I THOUGHT YOU SWORE NEVER TO STEAL NUTHIN'! WHERE DID YA GIT THE DOUGH FER THEM DUDS?



AW, LOOK, SNIFFER, I'LL ADMIT IT! I DID PULL OFF JUST ONE LAST JOB...JUST FOR OLD TIMES'SAKE! YA AINT GONNA HOLD IT AGAINST ME, ARE YA?

TSK! TSK! DIS IS GONNA HURT ME MORE THAN IT DOES YOU, SILKY—BUT IT'S GOTTA BE DONE! COME WITH US!



CAP! SILKY HAS SOMETHIN' TA TELL YA! TELL 'IM SILKY!

I...UH...GULP! I PULLED A SECOND STORY JOB AT 110 KING STREET LAST NIGHT, AN' NOW I'M SORRY!



HERE'S DA LOOT—ALL I SPENT WAS A FIFTY!

OKAY! NOW THAT HE CONFESSED, YOU CAN LOCK HIM UP! OOPS! I NEARLY FORGOT! HAND OVER YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, SILKY!



AFTER YA SERVED YOUR TIME, YOU'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP AGAIN! AN' I HOPE DIS WILL BE A LESSON TO YA!



SILKY WAS A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB, DA STRAIGHT AN' NARROW! WHEN HE STOLE, HE BUSTED OUR CATH... SEE? SO IT WAS OUR DUTY TO TURN HIM IN JUST LIKE IT SAYS HERE!

WELL, I'LL BE...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

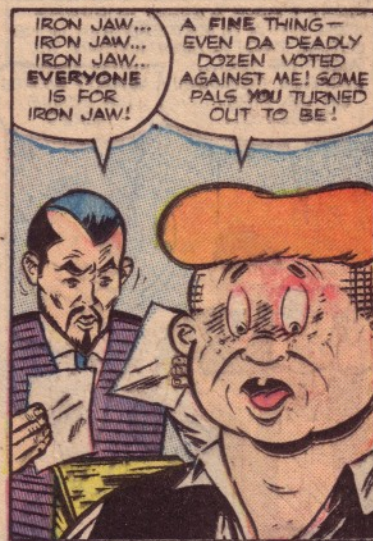
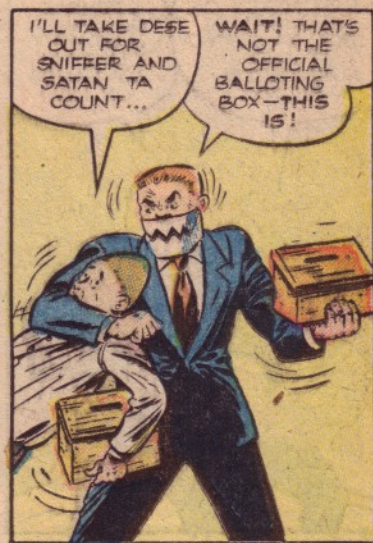


SNIFFER, I UNDERESTIMATED YOU—UNDER THAT TOUGH EXTERIOR YOU SHOW SIGNS OF BEING A GREAT LEADER!



DA BOYS ENJOY DA NOVELTY OF GOING STRAIGHT! SAY...I GOT A GREAT IDEA! IF YOU COULD COME AN' GIVE THEM A LITTLE TALK AT THE MEETIN' TONIGHT! IT WOULD BOOST THEIR MORALE—HOW ABOUT 8:30 AFTER ELECTION IS OVER?

FINE! I'LL BE THERE!





DIS! HERE'S DA REAL BALLOT BOX! YA SWIPED IT AND SUBSTITUTED A PHONY!

EGGHEAD SQUEALED! JUST WAIT TILL I LAY MY HANDS ON HIM!



YOU LAY OFF EGGHEAD! WE OUGHTA KICK YOU OUT FER DAT CROOKED TRICK, AND THE NEXT TIME WE WILL!

MAYBE DIS WILL TEACH HIM CRIME DON'T PAY! C'MON, LET'S COUNT TH' VOTES!



HERE'S THE RESULTS, FELLAS... PRESIDENT, SNIFFER... AN' TANKS FER YER CONFIDENCE! VICE-PRESIDENT, EGGHEAD; TREASURERS, SATAN AND CRUSHER; SECRETARY, LADY KILLER!

NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, AND START PLANNIN' HOW MY INVESTMENT WILL PAY OFF!



FIRST, I HAVE A GREAT SURPRISE FOR YA - A GUEST SPEAKER, NONE OTHER THAN A MAN KNOWN TO MOST OF YOU... CAPTAIN DONOVAN OF DA FIRST PRECINCT!

WHAT? WHATS HE DOING HERE?



WHEN SNIFFER TOLD ME OF THIS REMARKABLE ORGANIZATION I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT... TO THINK YOU MEN HAVE FINALLY CHOSEN THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW VOLUNTARILY! SATAN... AND SNIFFER... MOPEY... AND OF ALL PEOPLE, IRON JAW!



TELL ME, IRON JAW, WHO FINALLY MADE YOU WILLING TO TAKE THAT REMARKABLE OATH OF THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW CLUB?

OATH? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



HEY, SNIFFER - WE FOGOT TO GIVE IRON JAW THE OATH!

SWEAR HIM NOW, SNIFFER BEFORE CAPTAIN DONOVAN LEAVES!

GULP! SATAN, YOU DO IT! I HAVEN'T DA HEART!



...AND IF I SEE A MEMBER STEALING, I PROMISE TO TURN HIM OVER TO THE COPS!

...AND IF I SEE A FELLOW MEMBER STEALING, I... SAY, WHAT IS THIS? ARE YOU ALL CRAZY? WHAT KIND OF A CRIME SYNDICATE IS THIS?



CRIME SYNDICATE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DIS IS A LEGITIMATE CLUB! WE'RE ON DA LEVEL!

AND I PAID FIVE GRAND FOR MEMBERSHIP! I'VE BEEN ROBBED! WHERE IS THAT DIRTY CROOK, SNIFFER! GRRRR...



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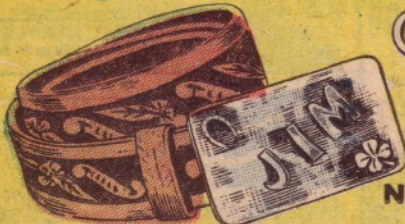
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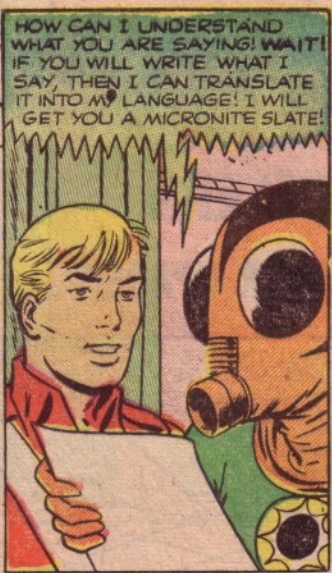


AT THIS MOMENT, OUR HEROES, ALONG WITH THEIR NEW FRIENDS, ARE HURTLING TOWARD DOOM, AS THE PLANET, OFF ITS NATURAL ORBIT IS BEING DRAWN INEXORABLY TOWARD THE SUN... FACING A TERRIFYING DEATH, ROCKY X HAS A DESPERATE PLAN - BUT CAN HE MAKE THE KALLAXIANS UNDERSTAND IN TIME?



I AM WRITING MY LANGUAGE!

I DO NOT... AH! THOSE MARKS—ARE YOU WRITING DOWN YOUR WORDS? NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!



HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING! WAIT! IF YOU WILL WRITE WHAT I SAY, THEN I CAN TRANSLATE IT INTO MY LANGUAGE! I WILL GET YOU A MICRONITE SLATE!



WE MUST ESTABLISH THE SIMPLE WORDS: EARTH, SKY, SUN, AIR!

NOW WE'RE COOKIN' WITH HELIUM!

VARX
GIYX
MULX
ERY

EARTH
SKY
SUN



I WILL TRY TO SPEAK THE WORDS ALOUD! YOU ARE EARTH-MEN! I AM TSAXMAL! I AM FROM KALLAXYN!

WE'LL HAVE HIM SPEAKING LIKE A NATIVE IN NO TIME!

TERRIFIC!



SOME DAYS LATER... YOU HAVE DONE WELL! I THINK I AM READY TO TEACH YOUR LANGUAGE TO MY PEOPLE!

THAT'S FINE! THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT! WE MUST START ON MY PLAN RIGHT AWAY!

WHAT DID YOU SAY
BLIRXAB ISS DU VIRB
I AM HUNGRY
MERSS OUBRILL
WILL YOU REPAIR OUR ROCKET
LLR DU BARLLE
ROT



WHEW! I HOPE THEY CATCH ON AS FAST AS TSAXMAL DID!

IT CAN'T BE TOO SOON FOR ME! OUR REPORT BACK TO EARTH IS WAY OVERDUE! I'LL BET THEY'VE GIVEN US UP FOR DEAD!

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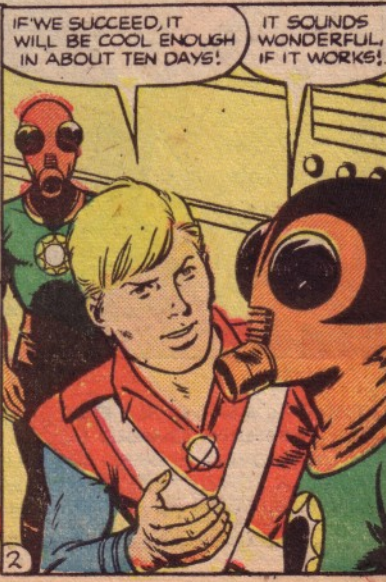


A WEEK LATER...

EVER SINCE OUR ATOMIC EXPERIMENTS BLASTED US INTO THIS ORBIT, WE HAVE BEEN GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE SUN! SOON...

IF I COULD SET OFF A COUNTER-EXPLOSION WHEN THIS PLANET REACHES THIS POINT, WE MIGHT DRIVE IT BACK INTO ITS NORMAL ORBIT! DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE ATOMIC BOMBS?

YES, WE HAVE A SMALL STOCK-PILE!
GOOD! AS SOON AS KALLAXYN SWINGS OUT: TO POINT X IN SPACE, SIMPLY AND I GO UP IN THE ROCKET, SET THE ATOMIC CHARGE AND BLAST OFF INTO SPACE! AFTER, YOUR ASTRONOMERS CAN CHECK THE RESULTS!



IF WE SUCCEED, IT WILL BE COOL ENOUGH IN ABOUT TEN DAYS!

IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, IF IT WORKS!

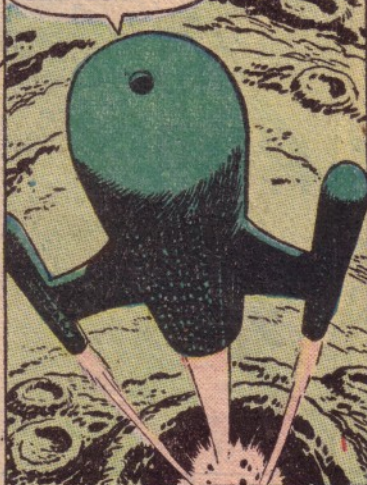
THEY WORKED FEVERISHLY UNTIL...

YOUR ROCKET WILL BE PUSHED INTO THAT PNEUMATIC TUBE WHICH WILL CARRY YOU TO THE SURFACE!

GOOD LUCK, ROCKY AND SIMPY! WE WILL JOIN YOU ON THE SURFACE AS SOON AS THE RADIOACTIVE CLOUDS, HAVE DISSIPATED!



WE'RE COMING OUT OF THE TUBE! BLAST ON THE JET ROCKETS!



WE'LL GO AROUND TO THE FAR SIDE AND SET THESE CHARGES RIGHT AWAY! I DON'T LIKE CARRYING ALL THAT EXPLOSIVE POWER!

ROCKY! LOOK!

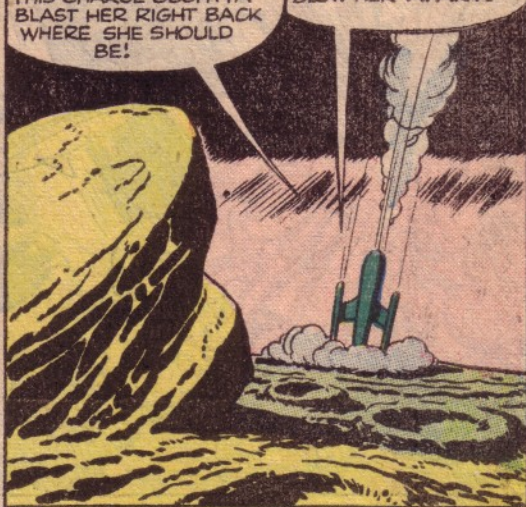


I WONDER WHERE THEY CAME FROM?

THEY'RE NOT AFTER US, ANYWAY! C'MON, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

IF WE'VE FIGURED RIGHT, THIS CHARGE OUGHTTA BLAST HER RIGHT BACK WHERE SHE SHOULD BE!

LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T BLOW HER APART!



WHEN WILL SHE DETONATE?

I'LL ALLOW US TWENTY MINUTES TO GET OUT OF HERE!

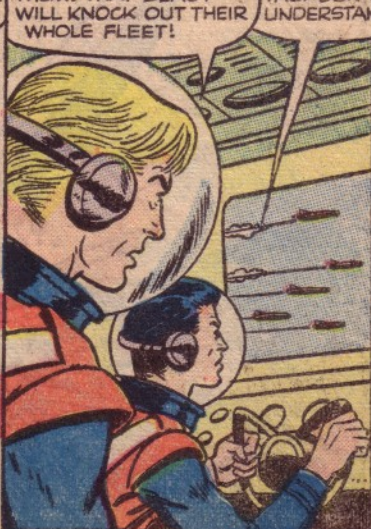
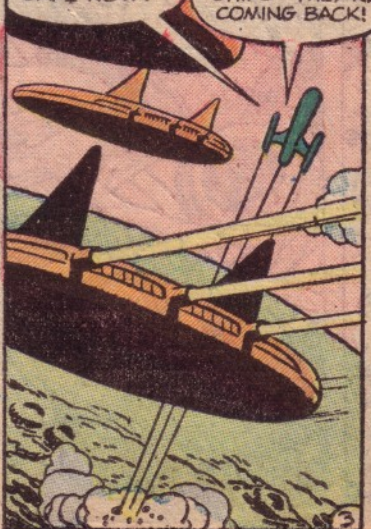


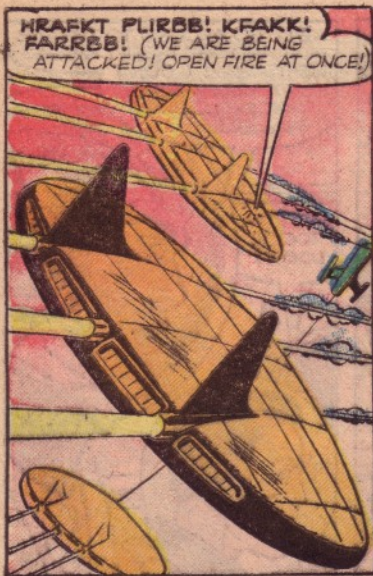
I GUESS WE'RE SAFE NOW!

ROCKY! THOSE SHIPS - THEY'RE COMING BACK!

WE'VE GOTTA WARN THEM! THAT BLAST WILL KNOCK OUT THEIR WHOLE FLEET!

SUPPOSE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND!





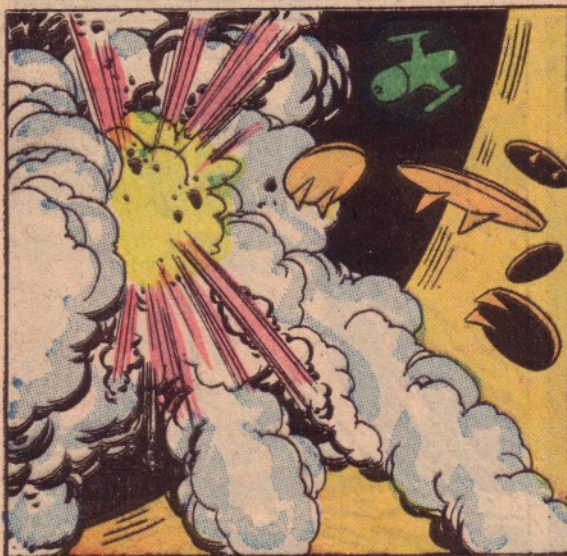
KRAFFT PLIRBB! KRAKK!
FARBB! (WE ARE BEING
ATTACKED! OPEN FIRE AT ONCE!)



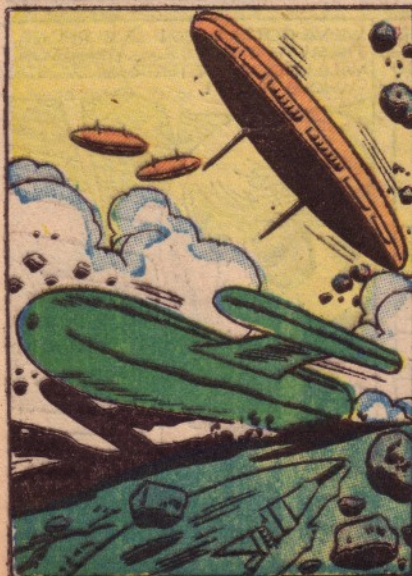
WE'RE
HIT!
THE MOTORS ARE
DEAD! WE'RE GONNA
CRASH!



THEY'RE HEADING
TOWARD KALLAXYN!
WHEN IS THAT
ATOMIC BLAST
COMING OFF?
LESS THAN
TEN SECONDS...
EIGHT...FIVE...



WHA... WHAT
HAPPENED?
BLAST CAUGHT US...
HANG ON... GONNA
CRASH...



FRILBB UNT AARRBYB EL KFARK
EIN VAREEL DE GRILLBB! PROKALE
(CAPTURE ALL SURVIVORS! USE
THE KRYPTO-RAY GUN IF
NECESSARY!)



WHEW! WONDER HOW LONG WE'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THE SHIPS HAVE LANDED AND... JUMPING TOADSTOOLS! WHAT ARE THEY?



LET'S HOPE OUR GUNS WORK ON THESE GUYS!

HOLD IT, SIMPY! WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE! WE'VE GOT TO HOPE THEY'LL BE FRIENDLY!



GRYLLFKK KRYLLFKK EIN WEINSTT!

I GUESS THEY...HEY, LEGGO! WHAT'S THE IDEA?

I GUESS THEY'RE NOT SO FRIENDLY AFTER ALL! I'LL GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE!



THEY'VE GOT US OUTNUMBERED... SIMPY, DON'T...

AAAGGGHH!



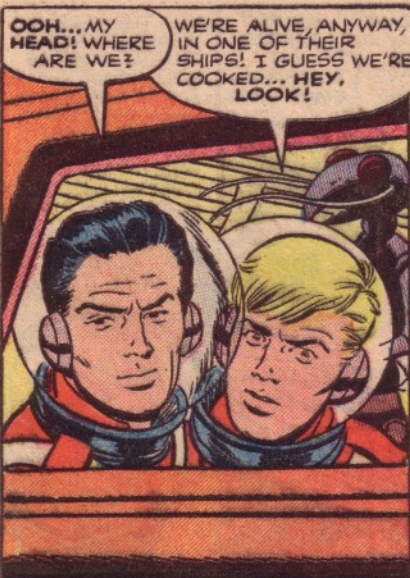
BLARYKK DES EIN BLARRYKK!

SIMPY! I WONDER IF HE'S DEAD!



HEY, TAKE IT EASY, YOU GOONS... UGGHH!

AAAH...



OOH... MY HEAD! WHERE ARE WE?

WE'RE ALIVE, ANYWAY, IN ONE OF THEIR SHIPS! I GUESS WE'RE COOKED... HEY, LOOK!

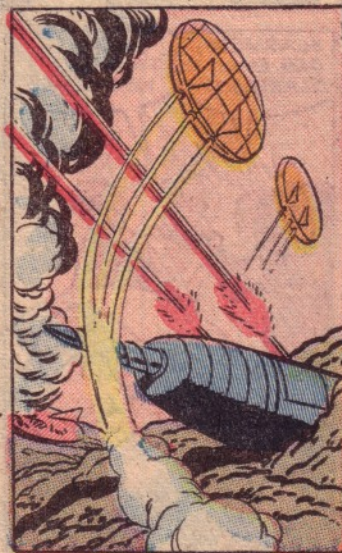
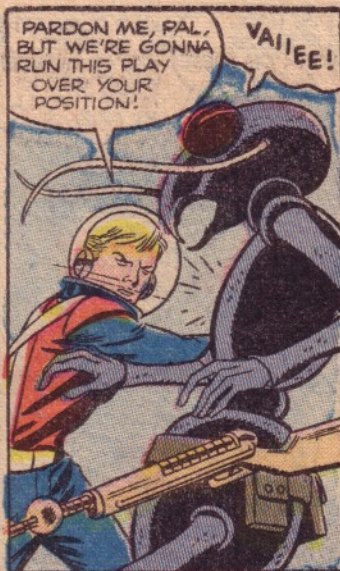


THE KALLAXIANS! THEY'RE COMING UP!



HEY! WHAT'RE...?

HUG THAT DECK, SIMPY! THE KALLAXIANS ARE ATTACKING!



WILL THE ALREADY WEAKENED FORCES OF KALLAXYN BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND A FULL SCALE ATTACK? WHEN WILL THIS ATTACK COME — AND WHAT FORM WILL IT TAKE? WHAT PART WILL ROCKY X PLAY WHEN "THE PLANETS COLLIDE" IN **BOY COMICS** NEXT MONTH? DON'T MISS IT!



YES PAL! IN 10 MINUTES OF FUN A DAY YOU Can Become an All-Around, All-American HE-MAN Like We Did

WE WERE SKINNY WRECKS Like YOU!

BEFORE

We Mailed Coupon

YOU TOO CAN BECOME An AMAZING NEW HE-MAN

If You Mail Coupon NOW

AFTER

We Mailed Coupon

IN 10 MINUTES OF FUN A DAY!

Mail Coupon Below

Hi SKINNY

—they used to say before I took the Jowett Course. I was run down, anemic, ashamed in a bathing suit. Now I have added 30 lbs. of steel-strong muscle—6" to my arms—10" to my chest. Jowett has given me a new body that is the envy of the neighborhood.

SICKLY GRIMM BEFORE



Ken Grimm
Chicago, Ill.



KEN GRIMM AFTER

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Gleason R. Cleveland
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GLEASON R. CLEVELAND AFTER

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Jobie Jackson
Arkansas



JOBIE JACKSON AFTER

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IN which of the above groups does YOUR BODY belong? The 3 scrawny and flabby fellows on the top are the SAME fellows as the 3 HUSKIES on the bottom! YOUR PHOTO can soon belong to the HE-MAN GROUP

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU CAN WIN \$100 AND A BIG 15" tall SILVER CUP! Let me make YOU an ALL-AROUND HE-MAN

as I made these former SKINNY and FLABBY WEAKLINGS

Then, Come on, Pal, do as they did! Give me 10 Pleasant Minutes a Day and I'll give YOU a NEW HE-MAN BODY for your OLD SKELETON FRAME.

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Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES Gain Pounds, INCHES, FAST!

Friend, I've traveled the world. Made a LIFETIME STUDY of every way known to develop your body. Then I devised the BEST by TEST, my "5-WAY PROGRESSIVE POWER" the only method that builds you 5-ways fast. You save YEARS, DOLLARS like movie star Tom Tyler did. Like these champs did... Like MANY THOUSANDS like you did. SO...



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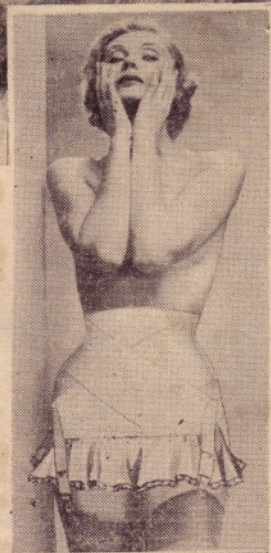
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